**Somali Pirates Given Life in US Prison**

Somalia has been battling piracy for the past few years, as extreme rebel groups are combatting the government, endangering the lives of thousands of people. The extremist groups are refusing most forms of supplies and other aid from NGO’s.

Piracy is a huge issue because it is keeping the country from trading, thereby holding down the economy. The pirates violently hold people hostage for ransom, and steal all supplies on board.

Scott and Jean Adam are just 2 of hundreds of victims of piracy in Somalia. The couple was first kidnapped by the Somali pirates, together with two of their friends staying on their boat.

The US water police were nearby, but as they were discussing the ransom the US police accidentally fired off a rocket-propelled grenade, resulting in a shooting between both parties. Scott and Jean Adam were shot to death, and the US police shot two Somali pirates. 5 others were arrested.

Two of the Somali pirates have pleaded guilty in the US, a crime that carries a mandatory life sentence. The three other pirates involved are still on trial, and face capital punishment.

Piracy in Somalia could be solved through more police forces on the waters. If NATO put forces out on the waters, there would be more chance of arresting the pirates.